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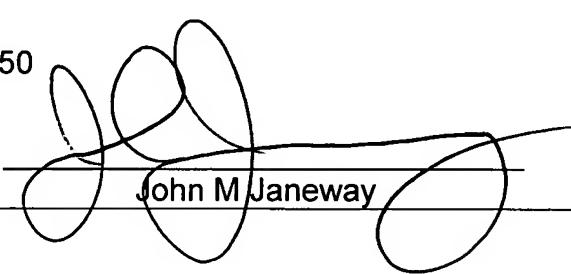
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### RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

The applicants amend the claims and request reconsideration of the application.

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